Unemployment allowance in Andhra Pradesh

2658. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has sent a proposal to the Central Government seeking a sanction for providing unemployment allowance to the unemployed people;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) by when the aforesaid amount is to be made available to the Government of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) Neither the Planning Commission nor the Ministry of Labour & Employment has received any such proposal.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Increase in unemployment rate

2659. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the latest National Sample Survey, the unemployment rate in the country has gone up from 1.9 percent in 1993-94 to 2.23 percent in 1999-2000;

(b) whether it is also a fact that unemployment has gone up from 2.2 per cent in 1995 to 4.3. per cent in 2000;

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government in this regard to create more and more employment opportunities; and

(d) what schemes Government have for organized and unorganized sectors in the country?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) Estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation. Last two surveys for which results are available relate to the years 1993-94 and 1999-2000.

Unemployment rate on usual status basis has marginally gone up from 1.90% in 1993-94 to 2.23% in 1999-2000.

(c) and (d) Creation of around 5 crore employment opportunities during the 10th Plan Period was targeted. Out of these, around 3 crore were to be generated in the normal growth process and remaining 2 crore through special employment generation programmes both in organized and unorganized sector in the country. Moreover, " National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme" for rural area has been launched to provide livelihood security to rural people by providing 100 days of work to each rural household.

Monitoring of working conditions of employees in Business Processes Outsourcing

2660. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to monitor the working conditions of the employees in Business Processes Outsourcing sector and ensure implementation of various labour laws in this sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted on the working conditions of employees in BPO sector in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) units are covered under the existing labour laws. The State Governments are the "appropriate Government" under the various labour laws and legally vested with powers to deal with violation of labour laws in BPO Sector. The Central Government has, however, written to the State Governments to implement the labour laws in the BPO sector.

(c) and (d) A micro-level study relating to labour in Business Process Outsourcing was conducted by one of the Associate Fellows of the V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, an autonomous society under the Ministry of Labour and Employment. The study was conducted during 2003. The report of the study was based on the findings of a field survey conducted in